Cry for Overhaul Of Educational System Not New

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Proposals for strengthening the American educational system have not been limited to the post-Sputnik era, nor even to this century, history reveals.

The man often regarded as our greatest historian—Francis Parkman—called for a complete overhaul of the popular educational system as early as the 1870's.

This is brought out in an article in the "American Quarterly" by Dr. Wilbur R. Jacobs, associate professor of history at Santa Barbara College, an authority on the famous American historian.

The public schools did not encourage the reading of good literature, Parkman told his contemporaries, but instead gave the average citizen a crude, imperfect body of knowledge. This practice put money in the hands of those who sold sickly pulp magazines and sensational newspapers designed to satisfy the popular appetite for amusement.

The common man, Parkman said, learned just enough to savor the sweetened oratory of political charlatans and to throw men of ability and integrity out of office. Parkman proposed that we teach the teachers, and also give money to "wisely-established" and "wisely-conducted" universities.

Parkman declared that it is one thing to teach a man to read and write, it was another to stimulate in him a sense of responsiblty and the development of powers of reason, analysis and observation.

Hepatitis Rate Still Declining

NEW YORK—Reported cases of infectious hepatitis, an acute virus infection usually accompanied by jaundice, have been decreasing over the last three years, but the disease still remains a serious public health problem.

From the all-time high of over 50,000 reported cases in 1954, the number of cases dropped to 31,961 in 1955, to 19,234 in 1956, and further to an estimated 15,000 in 1957. Just prior to this decline, however, reported cases rose abruptly from less than 17,500 in 1952 to nearly three times that figure two years later.

There is some evidence that the sharp rise in the incidence of infectious hepatitis was largely spurious, reflecting in large part increasing completeness of reporting. During the four-year period, 1952-55, the number of deaths varied so little that th death rate from the disease remained at 0.5 per 100,000. The 1956 and 1957 mortality figures are expected to show a decrease.

In 1956 the reportec cases varied from 5.1 per 100,000 population in the South Atlantic states to 27.0 in the Mountain states.

Life Expectancy Shows Decrease During 1957

NEW YORK—After rising without interruption for 3 successive years, the average length of life of American wage earners and their families decreased slightly in 1957 from the all-time high of 70.2 years established the year before, insurance company statisticians report. The setback is attributed largely to the effect of the Asian influenza outbreak in the last months of 1957.

According to provisional mortality figures for 1957, the average length of life (expectation of life at birth) was 69.9 or 0.3 years below that for 1956.

In spite of the decrease, the figure for 1957 exceeded by 3¼ years that of a decade ago and by 23¼ years the figure for 1906.

Response To 'Shots' Tells Child's Maturity

CHICAGO—A child's response to having a shot is a good clue to his emotional maturity, a Milwaukee pediatrician says.

A study of 133 children, ranging from tiny babies to 12-year-olds, who underwent 238 shots, showed changing responses as they grow older, Dr. Karl E. Kassowitz reports.

He said the many shots and vaccinations that children must routinely undergo offer an excellent means of studying their psychology and measuring their maturity.

All children must learn self-control and develop pride in their "toughness" he said. Their reactions to shots show how well they have developed these traits.

Big Business

NEW YORK — More than three million vending machines selling everything from chewing gum to hot meals do an annual business of $8 billion in the U. S. today, compared with some 50,000 machines selling $30 million in goods in 1926.

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Calvin Robinson

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core is kept, or publish- ed. There are varying opinions as to "the champ." Come one, come all, and make your match!

But, there are plenty of spectators. Some will even stand over and make suggestions as to the proper way to play.

The principal player among the barbers is probably "The Preacher." That would be L. E. Dickerson, who loves his work, but is always available for a try at the checker board during the day. A. B. Evans, Jr., himself, present proprietor, loves to play checkers and wu would nominate him as having witnessed more checker games than any person in this urea. Evans is a World War II veteran and Appomattox is fortunate to have him in charge at the stand of the retired Buchanan.

Another "regular" in the checker corner, is S. J. Evans. He is a retired railroad man, and when he "gets hot" at the checker board, he can hold most any player's "feet to the fire." There are some who say that W. C. ("Billy") Hubbard is tops among Appomattox players. And others insist upon the skill of Jack Paulette. John Farrar drops by for a few games. Mr. T. H. Trent is another "regular." Mr. John Tweedy was one of t he regulars. A new local barber at the shop, R. W. (Bill) Carawan, is brother-in-law oi Evans, and likes to try his hand at the checker board. Jimmie Pierce, of Farmville drops in for a game, and he and S. J. Evans have some thrilling games. Dwight Paulette is another top player. and many others could be named.

Well, many things "fade away." Each new generation selects its hobbies—its recreation. But the game of checkers has not faded away in Appomattox. It is a bit of "the good old days"—a challenge to the new, the best of yesterday to meet the best of tomorrow — maybe not so many shaves in these times — more "flat-tops" and the like — but at the village barber shop in Appomattox: CHECKERS!

DEMONSTRATION CLUB SCHEDULE

Home Demonstration Club meetings next week will be as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 1.- The Oakville Club will meet at 1 P. M., with Mrs. Clarke Moore.

Thursday, Sept. 1.- Rocks Club will meet at 7:30 P. M. with Mrs. Edward Ransom.

Play safe — drive carefully.

Mrs. L. M. Wilkes is Successful Plant Grower

rs. L. M. Wilkes, one of the most successful plant growrs area, displays a prize hosta, she harvested this week. It d sent her by a friend in Lynchburg and weighed apfive pounds. Mrs. Wilkes is also a fine flower grower.

Appomattox Has New Policeman

At the regular monthly meeting of the Appomattox Town Council on Monday night, H. A. White, a County Deputy Sheriff, was appointed to the Town Police Force. Mr. White resides on Church St., Appomattox.

He succeeds Thomas R. Seay, of Buckingham, who recently resigned.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND TO BEGIN PRACTICE

The Appomattox High School Band will begin practice on Monday, August 22, at the high school band room at 10 A. M. It is requested that each band member be present, if possible.

GARDEN CLUB GARDEN PARTY

A Garden Club garden party will be held on Monday night, at 7:30, at the home of Robert Hubbards. Each member is asked to bring a hat designed for a young girl. Bring their daughter or a friend's daughter to model it. Each girl or guest should bring a pillow or chair to sit on. Mrs. Nellie Schweitzer will show her slides on Disney Land.

Caldwell - Marshall Family Reunion

The Marshall - Caldwell family reunion will be held on Labor Day Sunday, Sept. 4, at the same place: viz., the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Marshall, now owned by their son, Forrest Marshall, of Roanoke, Va. The home is located near Spout Spring. Due to the illness of Mrs. Ruth Marshall she, nor her husband William, will be able to go down several days in advance as usual. Therefore each family will be asked to bring along some extra ten or lemonades. Ruth and Willam have been so faithful all the years of the reunion meetings, and this 'time will be "guests."

This annual reunion normally brings together several hundred of the Caldwell-Marshall kin.

Telephone Change-Over Expedited Here

Plagued by severe electrical storms, the Saturday before and Sunday following their August 7 change of equipment, and by several rain showers the following several days, when workmen especially needed good weather in which to work out the wiring changes on the lines, the job which was expected to take about 3 days actually took about 7 days, it was stated this week by the Appomattox Telephone Co.

The telephone company has added many new lines and phones, and has brought about the switchover as expedited as possible.

K. E. Schuler, president of the Appomattox Telephone Co., stated that a certain amount of equipmeat trouble was expected in a change such as they were making, and explained that these "normal" change over troubles were compounded by the outside storm troubles and by a" complete failure Monday morning of one of the new ringing generators, which affected about 1-2 of all telephones for a period of four hourn.

Beginning the first of this week the rural telephones which were still getting code rings were being changed over to the selective ring system. This work will be completed and a start made on the new telephone installations this week.

Beginning in this paper, the company will run an adv each week giving the name and telephone numbers of all new telephones connected. Also in the adv. this week they are showing the corrections and changes that should be made in the new temporary directory to bring it up to date. It is suggested that the adv. be clipped and placed in the back of your directory and that the corrections be written in the directory.

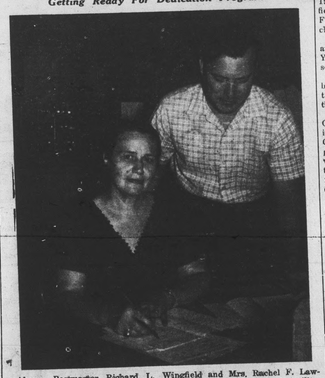
Both Mr. W. S. Gills manager of the company, and Mr. Schuler, expressed their gratitude to their customers and the public for the tolerance which has been fanifested during troublesome days. "We were in a hole, but with understanding on the part of the great majority of our customers, we were able to work out of it. Only a few tried to cover us up. For this we are grateful," said Schuler.

U. S. bolstering naval power in Mediterranean.

Overproduction is giving Soviet planners concern.

Dedicate New Post Office Here on Sat. August 27th

Getting Ready For Dedication Program



Above: Postmaster Richard L. Wingfield and Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson are shown working on details for dedication of new postal facility. Mrs. Lawson is chairman for the August 27th dedication.

Dedication Program

The program at the Dedication of the new Appomattox Post Office on August 27, will likely include opening remarks by the Postmaster, invocation, welcome and introduction by the chairman of the Dedication Comimttee, address by Hon. Malcolm R. Clarke, presentation of keys, presention of flag, the National Anthem, and benediction.

Band music and inspection of the new facility will also be featured.

Local postal personnel includes those pictured on this page, plus: R. Wayne Lee, temporary substitute clerk; Walter E. Hancock, William C. Hubbard, Reginald W. Stanley and Samuel A. Lawson, rural carriers; G. Lewis Ferguson, William D. Ferguson, John W. Gunter, and Raymond F. Jamerson, substitute rural carriers; and Jesse W. King, custodian.

Dedication Speaker

Hon. Malcolm R. Clarke

Post Office Staff Ready To Move To New Facility

Above: W. H. (Billy) Conner, Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson, John Hall and Postmaster Richard L. Wingfield ready (almost) to move into new Post Office building on Court Street end of this month.

Appomattox's new postal office will be dedicated on August 27, 1960, Postmaster Richard L. Wingfield announced today. Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson is serving as program chairman.

Dedication ceremonies will begin at 1:45 P. M., when the Elks Youth Band of Lynchburg will present a program of music.

Speaker for the Dedication will be Mr. Malcolm R. Clarke, Director for the Washington Region of the U. S. Post Office Department.

Born in Fremont, Ohio, Mr. Clarke received his early education in Ohio Public Schools. He entered Government service in 1920 as postal transportation clerk, and advanced through the ranks since that time. He now has full responsibility for the operation of all postal facilities in the States of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

"Our beautiful new postal facility is symbolic of the modern, businesslike approach now being applied to postal improvements over the nation," the local Postmaster commented. "Under the leadership of Postmaster General Summerfield, the United States Postal Service has undergone the most far-reaching reorganization in the long history of the Department."

"Postal service is being expanded and improved in many ways. Major changes have been made in operations, methods and techniques to hasten delivery of the mail. Last fiscal year alone, mail service was extended to over 1 1-4 million additional American families, and nearly 100,000 additional business concerns and nearly 4,000 new city delivery routes, including city delivery for the first time in 110 communities."

The new Appomattox facility, located on Court Street, is part of the Post Office Department's unique Commercial Leasing Plan, the local Postmaster explained.

Under this program, investment financing is used to obtain needed facilities which remain under private ownership, pay local taxes to this community, and are leased to the Federal Government.

At the same time, the need for large outlays of money from the Federal Treasury for construction purposes is eliminated.

New post offices are built to postal specifications and designed for efficiency as mail handling facilities. The Department has built, or placed under contract for construction, a total of approximately 3,500 buildings since 1953.

Another 12,000 more post offices must be replaced, due to lack of space and obsolescence to achieve the Postmaster's General's goal of complete modernization of the entire plant.

"Our patrons will derive more enjoyment i ndoing business here, their mail will be handled more efficiently, and this building and its up-to-date equipment will enable our postal employees to work under the best of conditions.

The Postmaster added, "The new facility will be a link with a postal system that today has over 35,000 post offices. This system serves more than 179 million persons, and it handles over two-thirds of the mail in the world. Our over 500,000 postal employees are handling more than 62 billion pieces of mail a year, including over a billion parcels," the Postmaster added.

"Mail business in this area has gone up drastically. For example, 25 years ago, revenue was $7,000, compared with $54,000 for the past fiscal year."

The Postal service is a great and important service available to one and all. Therefore, the importance of this new Post Office in Appomattox, to be dedicated August 27, at 1:45 P. M., is very apparent.

Postmaster Wingfield, and on behalf of the Dedication Chairman, Mrs. Lawson and the staff invite every citizen of Appomattox to attend this Dedication Ceremony, and to share in the pride that Appomattox will have this new facility.

Watershed Project Approved

W. E. Calohan, chairman, Robt. E. Lee Soil Conservation District, has been notified that the joint application recently submitted by the Robert E. Lee Soil Conservation District, Appomattox County Board of Supervisors and Campbell County Board of Supervisors has been approved for Little Falling River Watershed, located in Appomattox and Campbell Counties.

This watershed has its headwaters beginning in the area of Nash's Store, along Hwy. 604, in Appomattox, to 603, thence to Mike to Union Hill, down Hwy. 645 to Falling River. From 604 on the east it goes over to Red House Road, down Brookneal Road 600 to R. G. Elder's farm, thence to Hy. 601 to a point on 601 approximately 1 mile S.W. of Hat Creek, thence over to Falling River.

The watershed area contains approximately 30,000 acres, with 6,000 being in Appomattox County, and 24,000 acres in Campbell County. A small acreage is also in Charlotte County.

It is expected that the Soil Conservation Service will soon be in position to make necessary surveys to determine existing needs for flood prevention along Little Falling River and its tributaries.

RECEIVES DEGREE AT LONGWOOD

Among those to receive the B. S. degree from Longwood College in the recent summer session was Mrs. R. A. Sears, of Appomattox.